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Still only conflicting reports as to nature movement.

Foreign Minister visited me in excited state at 8 p.m. at behest President saying hoped US would prevent sea or air-borne invasion from Cuba and assist in case invasion from neighboring country. Insisted uprising was Castro-inspired and that government has long been predicting would happen. Said he had just sent strong telegrams incriminating Cuba to OAS and UN. Also said PR and Mario Mendez Montenegro who left for US two days ago heavily involved. Said Mendez planned return to assume leadership movement if successful.

Actual situation little changed. GAF has been strafing Barrios and Zacapa all day and late this afternoon airlifted 100 or so troops to Chiquimula to move against Zacapa tonight or tomorrow morning. Elements of Mariscal Zavala is regiment reportedly also on way to port area. Government pronouncements have variously blamed uprising on Communists (PGT) and Mendez Montenegro.

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